

## NORWEGIAN SHIP OWNERS IN LOUD PROTEST ON WAR

Delay of Shipping Not Necessary, They Say of English Blockade.

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 4.—Norwegian ship-owners complain bitterly against the practice of English warships in forcing Norwegian vessels bound for Norway to put back to a British port. In many cases these Norwegian ships have been outside of the war zone, and on their being forced to return to British ports they have been the victims of English submarines. Had the vessels been left alone by the British ships they would have reached their home port safely.

Protests from Norway to England have been met by the answer that the British government will hold itself responsible for Norwegian shipping that is treated in this manner, but the Norwegian owners continue to protest their ships destroyed.

The question has become especially acute since the Norwegian-American line steamer Trondhjemstørd was torpedoed by a German submarine, July 31. The English cruiser stopped the steamer, put a prize crew on board and directed the vessel's course to Kirkwall, when the torpedo occurred. The Norwegian press complaining against the British policy, the English government has insisted that the steamer was loaded in New York under the supervision of three inspectors from the British consulate who sealed the ship's hatches and among the ship's papers was an affidavit from the consulate to the effect that the ship had no other cargo than what the papers showed.

Aside from this, the Norwegian government has guaranteed that possible contraband cargo was not on board. The ship was seized, prize flag hoisted and the unlawful prize was directed toward Kirkwall. The chief of the German submarine torpedoed the steamer because it was bought from England last December and was therefore according to his instructions, considered to be an English ship.

The loss of the Trondhjemstørd amounts to several million dollars, only partly covered by insurance. There was no contraband on board according to German rules. The cargo consisted of 80,000 bushels of grain, pork and tobacco.

The loss of Norwegian ships since the war broke out a year ago amounts to about 10,000,000 of which only four million was covered by insurance. The rest falls on the ship owners. The majority of the ships have been torpedoed by German submarines, several without warning.

## "SEA OF FLAME" MARKS RETREAT OF CZAR'S ARMY

Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, via Paris, Sept. 4.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Lausanne-Gazette publishes a letter from an Austrian officer fighting on the eastern front in which he says:

"The Russian retreat is a masterpiece of terrifying, systematic devastation which recalls the retreat of 1812. There is an immense sea of flames behind the retreating Russian armies caused by burning houses and crops. General Michenko is followed by well-organized detachments of Cossacks whose duty it is to burn everything behind the army. They accomplish their task impeccably.

"When the Honveds tried to enter Kiyov in pursuit of the Russians every street was aflame. They were unable to pass through the huge furnace and lost many precious hours in going round the town by indirect roads across the fields.

"When the Austro-Hungarians arrived at Vladimir-Volynskiy they found the town burning and the town of Verba also was blazing. Every village on the Volynskiy plain as far as Kiev was in flames. The Austro-Hungarian troops had no shelter for days.

"The roads are indescribably out up and obstructed. Convoys arrived a day and a half late. It would take 50 soldiers to draw one cart out of a mud-hole.

"Thousands of men worked upon repairs in the railroad from Sokol to Vladimir-Volynskiy and if the road had been repaired in time we would have met with disaster."

## Germans Prepare Two Great Battle Lines

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 4.—The Journal De Geneve states that Germany has prepared not one but two strong lines of defense from the North Sea to Switzerland. From the same source comes the affirmation that after consolidating its position around Warsaw, the Germans will entrench all along the Russian front and wait for peace in most favorable conditions. According to this authority, von Hindenburg's plan does not involve a pursuit of the Russian army beyond the line required to rectify the front east of Warsaw.

## GALE HITS BERMUUDA.

Hamilton, Ber. Sept. 4.—A terrific gale swept over Bermuda last night, uprooting trees and damaging other property. The electric light, power and telephone service were disorganized. The steamship Bermudian, with 200 American tourists on board, is delayed in port.

A settlement of the strike of 800 machinists in the shell department of the American Locomotive Co. plant at Dunkirk, N. Y., is expected today.

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## BONFIRES HUGE AS VOLCANOES USED IN ROYAL CEREMONY

Accession of Emperor Yoshihito Heralded By Gigantic Burst of Flames.

Tokio, Aug. 4.—Fires bursting high from the peak of sacred Mount Fuji last night were not volcanic, as some people who had not read the newspapers supposed, but were mere bonfires as a signal to the world of Japan that the great accession ceremonies of Emperor Yoshihito were approaching. The glare of the flames lightened the heavens for a hundred miles and as they soared upward with their message thousands of millions of the faithful were bowed in prayer before their Shinto shrines beseeching happiness for their ruler—content, perfection and greatness for their country.

The rite on Fuji summit was arranged by Shinto priests and was attended by a large company. It was a religious function which had no real connection with the official coronation proper but was held to inspire the people with the significance and grandeur of the coming ceremony.

After the prayers for the glory of the reign of the Emperor, the emperor and empress passed from lip to lip and offered to the god of the Shinto shrine.

About 1,700 persons, it is announced, will attend the chief accession ceremony at Kyoto in November. This will include the representatives of the monarchs and presidents of the treaty powers, princes and princesses of the various royal houses of the Shinto rank, the presidents, vice-presidents and members of the Diet, princes, representatives of various peers, as well as a representative of the Shinto and Buddhist religions.

The fact that no representative of Christianity has been invited to the ceremonies has caused a controversy. Dr. Ichiki, Minister of Education, explained that no Christians in Japan are accorded court rank, while the Buddhists and Shintoists are accorded the rank known as Chokunin. Not in the sense of attaching more importance to the other religions, suggests Dr. Ichiki, but simply because Christianity in Japan has no representative with an official rank, the imperial household commission probably found it impossible to include a Christian delegate in the list of those who will attend the forthcoming coronation.

Japanese Christians say they are not satisfied with this explanation. They think that the Buddhist and Shinto representatives have been invited not primarily because they hold the rank of Chokunin but because they represent the Buddhist and Shinto religious organizations. The Christians do not claim that they ought to have a representation in the ceremony, but they argue that when Christians have been given freedom of preaching in Japan it will appear strange to foreign nations if they are not given an equal privilege with other religious bodies.

A Japanese pastor of one of the leading Christian churches conferred with Count Okuma about the question, and the Premier promised to make an investigation.

Preparations for the accession are occupying an army of workers. All over the country devout men and women are solemnly and religiously doing their share in the task of getting ready for the great ceremony.

At Kumogabataura, near Kyoto, woodmen cut the trees that will furnish the timber for one of the halls of the coronation rites. This is the hall in which the ceremony of the dedication of the sacred rice to the imperial ancestors' spirits will be held. The trees were cut down according to the ancient Shinto rites which make this task of felling timber something of ceremony in itself.

First the woodmen were purified by Shinto priests. The first tree was then felled with all due solemnity. It was a cry of triumph. The branches were lopped off and these together with the stump were burned as an offering to the gods.

Fifteen carts, attended by leading villagers, dressed in the old fashioned costume of the woodman and carrying fans of the rising sun, will be used to bring the timber to the site for the hall. The villagers will draw and push these carts themselves, accompanying their labors by the singing of the ancient yari song. One hundred timbers will be brought to Kyoto in this manner.

Some of the rice offered to the spirits of the imperial ancestors must come from the Yuki rice field, near Nagoya. And while this offering is made, it will be part of the ceremonies to have sung some of the rustic songs of the people of the village where the Yuki rice field is located.

To prepare for this feature of the ceremony a court musician is now spending his time in the villages collecting and arranging the rustic melodies of farm life.

## STRATFORD WOMAN WILL RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Rosamunda Winton's Petition Being Circulated For Renomination.

(Special to the Farmer.)

Stratford, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Rosamunda Winton, the only woman on the Stratford town school board, is a candidate for re-election. Mrs. Winton's vigilance in the administration of the finances of the school department has come to the notice of the taxpayers so favorably that many of them have urged her to accept a renomination.

She has consented to allow her name to be used in connection with the forthcoming primaries, and her petition for nomination will be returned along with those of the other members of the board.

Mrs. Winton has participated actively in the affairs of the town school system, and has done considerable committee work. Her re-election is generally conceded.

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## DANIELS PLANS FOR HUGE U.S. NAVY BY 1918

Program Said to Call For 48 Battleships and 100 Submarines.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Secretary Daniels, on his return yesterday from a visit to the New England navy yards, began the preparation of his report to President Wilson on national defense. He announced his purpose to establish at New London, Conn., a shore base for submarines. This action was taken upon the recommendation of Capt. Grant, General Supervisor of the Submarine Service.

Mr. Daniels said that in selecting a submarine base care had been taken to locate within easy reach of New York, Boston and other Atlantic ports, so that it would be convenient for submarines to use the base and run out to sea and protect the approaches to these cities.

The United States submarine equipment and service, Mr. Daniels declared, is as much up to date as that of any European country. It has fewer submarines, but what it has are modern. He inspected the submarines at the Naval River yard, constructed for a foreign power for delivery after the European war, and said that the American L boats are of the same type.

Mr. Daniels will see the President shortly and go over with him the naval construction programme which Congress will be asked to provide.

It is understood now that the Secretary will follow closely the suggestions of the General Board as to the proper number of ships.

United States Navy in 1918

It is believed that his purpose is to recommend such construction as will give the navy in 1918 the following ships:

Battleships ..... 48  
Scout cruisers ..... 25  
Armored cruisers ..... 6  
First class cruisers ..... 2  
Second class cruisers ..... 10  
Third class cruisers ..... 10  
Destroyers ..... 100  
Monitors ..... 5  
Submarines ..... 100

Gunboats, transports, supply ships, converted yachts, tug, tenders and special types.

This would mean the construction within the next three years of 21 battleships, 22 scout cruisers, 158 destroyers, 62 submarines and numerous other craft.

Secretary Garrison said that he is not ready to discuss any detail of his forthcoming report to the President. He is still gathering data and hopes to be able to make an elaborate and intelligent showing before the White House to discuss the army and its needs.

Calls on Manufacturers.

Secretary Daniels explained the significance of his request of manufacturers as to the output of their plants in material which could be used by the navy in case they were needed.

"Following the action of the War Department in the early part of August," said Mr. Daniels, "the Navy Department has requested information in purely routine manner of manufacturers as to their output of the materials which the navy might need in case of an emergency."

"This is in line with the development of campaign plans under consideration by the department. It is expected that the work will require months, in fact, years before it is finally completed.

"The inquiry that the Navy Department is instituting pertains primarily to the manufacture or output of structural materials used in the building of ships, rope, various articles of boat and ship equipment, provisions, raw materials for the manufacture of clothing, and collars that may be required for transporting supplies to the fleet."

"The inquiries will be recorded and replies thereto will be regarded as confidential and will be changed from time to time as conditions in the manufacturing districts warrant."

Europe Consuming Output.

"While this is a peace time procedure pure and simple, the demands for material for various articles have so taxed the facilities of home manufacturers as to make it difficult to obtain certain classes of articles. In the case of some materials such as acids, dyes, etc., the local supply is short because of the reduced importations, and in some cases it has been necessary to 'comb' the market as it were, in order to find some of the things wanted."

"Fortunately this condition applies to only a few items which so far the navy has been able to obtain and at favorable prices; but it has been noticed that recently war materials are being quoted in tenders for rolled and sheet materials, and it is hoped that by means of the circular which have been issued the Navy Department will be able to keep in closer touch with industrial conditions as they exist throughout the United States."

"Furthermore, the facilities of various manufacturers for turning out munitions of war have been so increased that it is desired to know what the increased output may be."

"The inquiries will cover a wide field, such as the facilities of transportation lines principally by sea; the supply of fuel and the output of supplies and materials of many descriptions."

Nichols Church To Be Scene of Rally of Local Methodists

Tuesday afternoon and evening, Sept. 14, members of the Methodist Episcopal church from this and surrounding towns will unite in a rally at the Methodist church in Nichols. This is one of six rallies arranged in connection with the Methodist Forward Movement. Rev. A. H. Goodenough, superintendent of the New York district, will be in charge. His new service will be arranged to bring members of the church from Bridgeport, Stratford, Stepany, Long Hill and Newtown.

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## STANDARD OIL COMPANY GIVES EIGHT HOUR DAY TO 25,000 EMPLOYEES

New York, Sept. 4.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the parent company in the old Oil Trust that was dissolved by a decree of the United States Supreme Court, announced last night it had voluntarily decided to grant an eight hour day to all of its 25,000 employees.

This action was taken at a meeting of the Directors held yesterday at 26 Broadway. It was announced afterward that the change would be made without any reduction in the pay of the men, and that it would be put into effect on Sept. 15. The company issued the following statement:

In accordance with the policy of this company to keep its wages and working conditions equal to, or in advance of, the wages and working conditions of other men doing a similar class of work, it has been decided to adopt the eight-hour day.

This change will be made without loss to the men.

As it will be necessary to make certain changes in the present methods of conducting the plants, the eight-hour day will become effective on Sept. 15, and notices have been posted to that effect in the various works operated by this company.

STANDARD OIL CO., NEW JERSEY.

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is the largest manufacturing unit in the Standard Oil district. The first time in years it had labor troubles with employees at some of its New Jersey plants this year, but it was said last night that a satisfactory settlement had been reached with the disaffected men through a 10 per cent wage increase. It was said that the adoption of the shorter day had not been announced under any strike threats.

John D. Archbold is at the head of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. None of the officials could be reached after the meeting yesterday and it was said that most of them had left town for a three-day holiday. A representative of the company, who made the announcement of the reduction in the working day, said that the change had been made without consultation with officials of the other Standard Oil companies, and he was unable to say whether or not they would take similar action.

"The Standard Oil Company has always prided itself on its treatment of its employees and on the friendly relations that have obtained," said this man. "The reduction in hours was not the result of recent troubles, but was adopted as a part of the welfare work that the company has always been interested in. With a reduction of 20 per cent in the working day, I should say that it will be necessary to increase the number of employees very considerably."

The shorter day has been discussed from time to time for several years and this year, when the typical time for the change, I do not believe that the Walsh hearings or the Colorado labor troubles had any bearing on the decision."

Mr. Gifford, General Manager of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, said last night that the eight-hour day would effect 4,520 men employed at the Bayonne works. The men had been working nine hours a day. The men received a 10 per cent increase in wages following the recent strike at Bayonne.

Mr. Gifford said that the eight-hour day had not been given in response to any demand by the employees. "There has been no demand made to the company," he said. "This is a purely voluntary action on the part of the Standard Oil."

## MACHINISTS IN SESSION ADMIT 263 CANDIDATES

Eloquent Organizer Addresses 1,000 of the Craft in Eagles' Hall.

Nearly 1,000 machinists gathered last night in Eagles' hall in great mass meetings. Two hundred and sixty-three new members were initiated.

James H. Henderson, organizer of the International Association of Machinists, addressed the meeting. He said the machinists are organized for peace, not for war, but that the eight hour day is the goal for which they will fight. He referred to the union the machinists have and the strictness with which they enforce the enforcement of their principles.

John D. Rockefeller, he said, is the greatest organizer in the country and he wished he could get him for the Machinists' association.

The machinists met at their hall on Cannon street and marched to Eagles' hall, headed by the First Bridgeport Drum corps.

1,200 Children At Field Day of Park Playgrounds

Twelve hundred children from the four public playgrounds of the city gathered at Seaside park yesterday for the annual playground field day. Special trolley cars took the children from the Lafayette, Shelton, Yellow Mill and West End grounds to the park.

For having the greatest number of points in athletics, 81, Marris Marple of the Shelton playground, was awarded a large silver cup. Jennie Alexander, age 14, of the West End playground, received the prize for girls.

Silver cups given by the Spaulding Sporting Goods Co., were awarded the Yellow Mill Senior and Junior teams, captained by James Burns and James Hammer, respectively. Judge Morris B. Beardsley awarded the prizes.

Mrs. Beardsley and Mrs. P. L. Holzer awarded the prizes to the girls. George T. Stafford, superintendent of the playgrounds, was in charge.

The flag was raised by Superintendent of parks Henry Cliff and saluted by all the children.

## E. H. Dillon & Co. To Have 47 Hour Week Opening At 9 A. M.

E. H. Dillon & Co. made announcement to-day of a 47 hour week for employees in the big main street millinery store. The working schedule during the week henceforth will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. with one and one-half hours at noon. On Saturdays the closing hour will be 9 o'clock.

In announcing the schedule, the management expressed the hope that the shopping public will co-operate.

## SUNDAY AND LABOR DAY EXCURSIONS

The last two Matinee Excursions of the season will be given on the steamer Park City tomorrow and Labor Day when the boat will leave the wharf at the foot of Fairfield Ave. at 1:30 p. m., arriving in Port Jefferson at 3 o'clock, allowing one hour and a half in this unique ship-building town where one can stroll among the hills all along the shore. Return trip is made leaving Port Jefferson at 4:30 arriving in Bridgeport at 6 o'clock. This makes an ideal half day's outing trip and special low fare will prevail for the round trip.

The new automobile house wagon to be installed in No. 7 engine house was tested this afternoon. The official test of the new wagon was to have been held yesterday afternoon before several members of the board of fire commissioners but was postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S AWAIT NOTABLE PROGRAM

Speechmaking and Music Will Be Enjoyed at Celebration Tomorrow Night

A concert to commemorate the 25th anniversary of St. John's parish has been arranged by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Komara, for Sunday night at 7 o'clock. There will be addresses by Rev. John Kubasek of Yonkers, who will speak in the Slavish language, and Mayor C. J. Wilson, who will talk in English. The concert will be held in St. John's hall, Jane and Pembroke streets. A large attendance is expected.

The program follows:

Light Cavalry—Overture—F. Suppe—Orchestra.

My Country—Choir, accompanied by orchestra.

Slovakas of Bridgeport—Rev. A. E. Komara.

Slavonic Echoes—F. P. Safranek—Orchestra.

Address by the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Clifford B. Wilson.

Wedding of Wind—Waltzes—J. F. Hall—Orchestra.

Address (in Slovak)—Rev. John Kubasek of Yonkers, N. Y.

"My Dearest" Went to War," and popular Slovak songs, arranged by Rev. Fr. Horvath—Choir.

The Dances—From opera "The Bartered Bride"—F. Smetana—Orchestra.

Intermezzo, Pictoresque—Fantasie—J. Kocian—Orchestra.

"Columbia"—Choir, accompanied by orchestra.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Helen Smith of Hancock avenue entertained her friends employed in the American Graphophone Co., at her home Sunday evening. Miss Loretta Miller, president of the Carrying-Dinner Squad, which holds noontime parties in the factory, gave several selections on the piano accompanied by Larry Langman, who performed on the violin. Tom Larose gave a brief talk on the troubles of a truckman which was very amusing as well as true. A German supper was served at midnight after which the surprise of the evening was enjoyed when Miss Smith announced the engagement of her chum Miss Miller to Thomas A. Larose. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the Misses McNiff, Smith, Leonard, Walser, Moran, Miller, O'Brien and Sweeney and Messrs. Bradley, Langan, Hurley, Larose, Leonard, Wahler, Leery and Sharkey.

Miss May Hall of Varuna Hall, is studying dancing with teachers from Chalf and Castle Houses in New York city. She is enjoying the auto rides about New York with friends with whom she is staying. Miss Emma S. Hall, her sister, is at the Teachers' college visiting teachers and her friends in Columbia university, while awaiting examinations for points toward a degree.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Washington Birdseye of 733 Fairfield avenue for the wedding of their only daughter, Miss Josephine Birdseye, to Mr. Ralph Mito Sperry which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Richard L. Swain, D. D., pastor of the South Congregational church, will perform the ceremony which will be followed by a large reception at 8 o'clock. Miss Birdseye and Mr. Sperry are prominent socially both in this city and New York. The bride-elect has spent a portion of each of the past 12 years abroad. She attended school in Geneva, Switzerland, for two years and completed her education on the continent.

Mr. Sperry is secretary of the Monumental Bronze Co. and is the son of Ellie N. Sperry of 300 Park place. He is a member of several exclusive clubs of this city.

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